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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: WALDHEIM-MAYNES CONVERSATION OF
APRIL 21

1. SUMMARY: SYG WALDHEIM AND IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MAYNES DISCUSSED THE CYPRUS QUESTION APRIL 21. WALDHEIM
INFORMED MAYNES THAT CYPRIOT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU
HAD TOLD HIM HE WOULD REJECT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS
BASED ON THE TURKISH PROPOSALS. WALDHEIM FELT THERE
WAS "NO SOLUTION" TO THE CURRENT SITUATION UNLESS
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TURKEY GAVE UP A "SUBSTANTIAL PORTION" OF OCCUPIED
CYPRIOT TERRITORY. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE OUTSET OF THE DISCUSSION ON CYPRUS MAYNES
SUGGESTED TWO COURSES OF ACTION FOR SYG CONSIDERATION:
1. THE SYG COULD EXPLORE PRIVATELY WITH THE TURKS, AND
THEN THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT, THE FEASIBILITY OF THE SYG

PUBLICALLY CALLING FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WHILE ALSO STATING PUBLICALLY THAT THE PARTIES HAD ASSURED HIM THEY WOULD APPROACH THE TALKS WITH FLEXIBILITY AND A DESIRE TO MAKE PROGRESS. MAYNES NOTED SYG WOULD NEED ASSURANCES THAT THE SIDES WOULD AGREE BEFORE HE COULD MAKE STATEMENT ABOUT FLEXIBILITY. 2. THE SYG COULD SEND A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ON A ROUND OF "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY" BETWEEN ATHENS AND ANKARA IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE TALKS GOING. MAYNES NOTED THAT UNLESS WE TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT A COLLAPSE OF THE CURRENT EFFORT, WE MIGHT NOT SEE ANOTHER TURKISH OFFER FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WALDHEIM SAID HE AGREED WITH VIEW THAT A COLLAPSE COULD LEAD TO AS MUCH AS A THREE YEAR DEADLOCK. NEVERTHELESS HE THOUGHT THE SITUATION WAS "COMPLETELY HOPELESS".

3. REGARDING THE FIRST SUGGESTION WALDHEIM SAID HE KNEW KYPRIANOU WOULD REJECT IT, ADDING THAT KYPRIANOU HAD TOLD HIM "CONFIDENTIALLY" THAT "HE WOULD REJECT TALKS" IF WALDHEIM CALLED FOR THEM. ELABORATING, WALDHEIM SAID THAT KYPRIANOU COULD NOT ACCEPT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF "CONSTITUTIONAL" PRESSURES. KYPRIANOU BELIEVED CYPRIOT ACCEPTANCE OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION MEANT THE PARTITION OF THE ISLAND IN TWO. IN WALDHEIM'S WORDS CYPRUS WOULD "NOT BE EVEN A FEDERATION OR CONFED-CONFIDENTIAL

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ERATION" IF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS WERE ACCEPTED.

4. SYG CONTINUED THAT HE HAD ASKED KYPRIANOU TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS EVEN THOUGH HE (KYPRIANOU) DID NOT ACCEPT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS. CYPRUS SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS UNWILLING EVEN TO TALK. ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM, KYPRIANOU RESPONDED THAT "CYPRUS HAD BEEN TAKEN IN TOO MANY TIMES BY THE TURKS," ADDING THAT IF THE TURKS CAME UP WITH THIS KIND OF EFFORT NOW, "YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW THEY WILL BEHAVE IF THE (US) ARMS EMBARGO IS LIFTED." WALDHEIM LAMENTED THAT ALL HIS ARGUEMENTS IN FAVOR OF NEGOTIATIONS HAD FAILED TO CHANGE KYPRIANOU'S MIND.

5. MAYNES ASKED IF A TURKISH STATEMENT ALLOWING FOR FLEXIBILITY IN ALL MAJOR AREAS OF DISCUSSION MIGHT NOT MAKE KYPRIANOU CHANGE HIS MIND. WALDHEIM SHRUGGED HIS SHOULDERS AND REPLIED, "I TELL YOU QUITE FRANKLY I DO NOT SEE ANY SOLUTION IF THE TURKS DO NOT GIVE UP ANY SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY. I AM MORE AND MORE FRUSTRATED." THE "SIX ROUNDS IN VIENNA HAVE BEEN MOST FRUSTRATING BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE

DO NOT KEEP THEIR WORD - THEY ARE NOT BOUND BY THEIR STATEMENTS." IT WAS "NOT GOOD FOR THE UN TO GET INTO SOMETHING HOPELESS."

6. SYG THEN, OFFERED TWO IDEAS WHICH HE HAD THAT MIGHT LEAD TO INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. 1. THE US AMB. TO CYPRUS SHOULD SPEAK TO KYPRIANOU TO SEE IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH SYG'S STATEMENT NOTING FLEXIBILITY ON ALL SIDES AND ANNOUNCING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. 2. ALTERNATIVELY, THE TURKS WOULD HAVE TO SWEETEN THEIR PROPOSALS SO GREEK CYPRIOTS COULD ACCEPT THEM AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

7. AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY",
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WALDHEIM SAID THAT GALINDO POHL, HIS NEWLY APPOINTED SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON CYPRUS, WOULD SOON BE MAKING COURTESY CALLS ON BOTH ATHENS AND ANKARA. THE SYG SAID HE WAS WILLING TO TRY "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY" BUT HE CONCLUDED THAT HE THOUGHT THE SITUATION WAS "150 HOPELESS."

8. MAYNES SAID HE WOULD REPORT SYG'S REMARKS TO THE SECRETARY, WHO WAS CONCERNED THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE OPEN. THE SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO REFLECT ON THE SYG'S COMMENTS AND TELEPHONE HIM. WALDHEIM SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH THE SECRETARY. YOUNG. UNQUOTE VANCE

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